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SUBJECT: GREEK-CYPRIOI PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN US

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1. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS SAME GROUP WHICH MOUNTED METAXAS SQUARE EXHIBIT NOTED REPAIR HAS NOW GONE INTERNATIONAL WITH ANTI-TURKISH PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE AND ESPECIALLY UNITED STATES.

2. O/A SEPTEMBER 26 APPROX 1500 COPIES WERE FORWARDED TO THE US OF FOLDER WITH DRAMATIC PHOTO OF TANK ON COVER ENTITLED "TURKEY-INVADER OF THE 20TH CENTURY.". INSIDE IS PHOTO OF BURNED OUT SCHOOL, MAP SHOWING OCCUPIED AREAS AND STATISTICS GREEK CYPRIOT LOSSES DURING INVASION. EMPHASIS ON TURKEY'S BEING NATO MEMBER. FOLDER CONCLUDES WITH QUESTION: "DO YOU BELIEVE THAT YOUR COUNTRY SHOULD CONTINUE GIVING POLITICAL OR MILITARY SUPPORT TO TURKEY?" ENCLOSED WITH FOLDER ARE FOUR GRISLY PHOTOS OF DESTRUCTION, REFUGEES, MAPALMED UNFICYP TROOPS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THESE MATERIALS ARE BEING SHIPPED TO US FOR DISTRIBUTION TO CONGRESS, SIMILAR HIGH LEVEL TARGET GROUPS. CYPRIOT MISSIONS WILL PRESUMABLY HELP IN DISTRIBUTION.

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4. COMMENT: ARTWORK AND TEXT OF LEAFLET REFLECTS MORE CARE AND TALENT THAN USUALLY SEEN LOCALLY AND THIS COUPLED WITH MARKED ANTI-NATO BIAS SUGGESTS TO EMBASSY POSSIBILITY OF OUTSIDE HELP AND FINANCING. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH MONITOR THIS PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN IN US ESPECIALLY IF ANTI-NATO FLAVOR IS SUSTAINED.
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